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(57) Abstract

A method is described for detaching and then later re-attaching components of a computer process in which a process is split into a first process and a second sub-process. The sub-process may be a dormant process containing data, program modules and execution states not immediately required by the active first process. The dormant process is stored in a construct that may be kept in the computing device or may be sent to an external memory device. Alternatively the sub-process may comprise a permanently unwanted sub-process that is to be discarded. The invention allows maximum usage of limited resource computing systems.

